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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(Case No. 01-661-A)

In re Application of: )  
Chad A. Mirkin, et al. )  
Serial No. 10/034,451 )  
Filed: December 28, 2001 )  
For: NON-ALLOYING CORE )  
SHELL NANOPARTICLES )

Examiner: T. Strzelecka

Group Art Unit: 1637

Confirmation No. 9317

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request consideration of the amendments and response to the Office action dated March 26, 2004. Please amend the application as shown below.

The "Amendment to the claims" section can be found on page 2.

The "Remarks" section can be found on page 7.